



Milwaukee County

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BECOMING A WAL-MART STYLE EMPLOYER

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., released the following statement in advance of Monday's 2012 Budget Adoption Meeting:

"Milwaukee County is at risk of becoming a Wal-Mart-style employer. There are a number of privatized employees cleaning our facilities making just \$8 an hour with no benefits. We have a number of private security officers earning substandard wages.

"I think it's laughable that we fuss over raises for department heads that are already receiving a generous salary and create expensive new political offices like the Comptroller, while at the same time cutting our lowest-earning, frontline workers.

"Mahatma Ghandi once said, 'a nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.' Milwaukee County, as an employer, needs to look at things the same way. I urge the County Board and County Executive to follow in these footsteps by treating our lowest wage workers with the respect they deserve.

"During the budget process, I sponsored an amendment that was approved by the Finance & Audit Committee to keep security and continue to provide livable wages/benefits for these employees. The Board will also vote on an amendment to restore housekeeping positions as County workers.

"When the County Board votes to amend and adopt the 2012 Budget on Monday, I will vote my conscience. I encourage all of my colleagues to limit privatization and restore positions that pay living wages and benefits."

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